GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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HOUSING FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of families belonging to Minority Communities, SCs/STs and other communities in North Eastern States including Assam do not have own houses;

(b) if so, whether the Government will chalk out a time-bound plan to provide housing to the people of Minority Communities, SCs/STs and Other Backward Classes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION [SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO]

(a): The Ministry does not have community-wise housing shortage data for the Country including North East. However, the housing shortage estimated by Technical Group (TG-12) at the beginning of the 12th Plan Period, among the North Eastern States is at 6.9 lakhs in urban areas.

(b) to (d): The Ministry has been implementing Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP), Integrated Housing and Slum Development

Programme (IHSDP) components of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) for providing houses along with basic civil and social infrastructure for slum dwellers and urban poor. Under RAY, entire slum is taken for redevelopment and houses with civic infrastructure are provided to all eligible slum dwellers residing in the slum selected for relocation/ up-gradation by the States concerned.

As on November 2014, in 72 projects approved under BSUP, IHSDP & RAY, 17848 dwelling units (DUs) have been completed out of 33145 approved DUs in the North-Eastern States including the State of Assam.

Further, the Government has proposed a new urban Housing Mission and the Scheme, at present, is at appraisal stage by Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC).